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CAPT. COLLINS' SUCCESSOR.

Dr. Field Appointed Chairman of Fish and Game Commission.

There Were Several Other Candidates for the Position.

Governor Bates sent to the executive council yesterday afternoon the nomination of Dr. George W. Field of Sharon to be fish and game commissioner, vice Capt. Joseph W. Collins of Brighton, formerly of this city, chairman, deceased. Among the other candidates for the place have been Irving O. Converse of Fitchburg, Henry J. Bell of Leominster, Deputy Luman of the commission, and Caleb K. Sullivan of Medford.

The present members of the board, John W. Delano of Marion and Edward A. Brackett of Winchester, favored the appointment of Dr. Field, and they so expressed themselves to the governor. Dr. Field will be the chairman of the board. He is in close touch with the work of the board, and, as a matter of fact, is now at work on the annual report of the commission, which Capt. Collins left unfinished. He has done much work for the commission during the past four or five years, and was highly regarded by the late Capt. Collins. Like Capt. Collins, he is a scientific man, and, is an acknowledged authority on shell fisheries.

Dr. Field has been highly indorsed by President Pritchett of Technology, Professor Sedgwick, numerous other scientific men and hundreds of business men throughout the State. He is about 40 years old, and was graduated from the public schools of Brockton. He received his A. B. from Brown University and in the following year he was graduate student and assistant in zoology. He was a student at Johns Hopkins under Professor W. K. Brooks, the well-known author of "The Oyster in Chesapeake Bay," from 1888 to 1892. In 1891-92 he was assistant in biology at Johns Hopkins.

He received the doctor's degree in 1892, and in the same year was appointed to Smithsonian table at the Naples zoological station, Naples, Italy, where he studied the methods of oyster culture and the utilization of other marine products as food. In 1893 he studied at the University of Munich. From 1893 to 1896 Dr. Field was associate professor of biology at Brown University, and from 1896 to 1901 was the biologist of the Rhode Island experiment station, with special charge of the problem of rehabilitating the oyster and clam business in southern Rhode Island. In 1901-1903 he was instructor in economic biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A year ago he was appointed biologist to the Massachusetts commission of fisheries and game.

Had Long Passage.

The British sch. Havana, which arrived here this morning with salt and pickled herring for Slade Gorton & Co., from St. Anthony, Notre Dame Bay, N. F., had a long, hard passage of 28 days, but fortunately met with no accident. The captain reports meeting considerable head winds and encountered several severe gales and for days the craft could show no canvas. During the recent cold weather the craft iced up considerably, and the crew had to pound ice from the deck, sides and rigging, as it got so thick as to threaten the safety of the craft. In all the long passage of over 1100 miles the craft did not once make harbor.

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BOUND HOME AGAIN.

Capt. Jerry Cook Has Another Salt Herring Cargo.

Sailed from Bay of Islands, N. F., Last Sunday.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Capt. Jerry Cook, sailed from Bay of Islands, N. F., on Sunday for home, with a full fare of salt herring. If the craft has a good chance along, Capt. Cook will be likely to eat his Christmas turkey at home.

If the vessel arrives before New Year's, as she probably will, Capt. Cook will have made a record never equalled or approached in the history of the Newfoundland herring fishery. A few vessels have made three trips there in a season, but Capt. Cook will win the honor of being the first to bring three trips from there before New Year's, or in less than three months. He already has to his credit the quickest Newfoundland herring trip ever made, 17 1-2 days.

Capt. Cook made his first trip this season in sch. Smuggler, sailing from here October 3 and arriving home October 31. On November 7 he sailed for Bay of Islands again in sch. J. J. Flaherty, one of the two largest vessels of the port, and arrived home November 23, breaking the record for quick trips and bringing a big load of salt herring. On December 3 he sailed again in the Flaherty for another cargo, and on last Sunday, as stated above, sailed from Bay of Islands for home with his third fare of the season.

HALIBUT VERY SCARCE.

Sch. Massachusetts Cruises in Vain Search.

REPORTS VERY BAD WEATHER

Hove Too Under Bare Poles During Fierce Blizzard.

A Halifax despatch of yesterday states that the Gloucester fishing sch. Massachusetts of Duxbury arrived at Canso Wednesday after battling with storms for more than a month in search of halibut. Capt. Carroll reported having cruised over Grand bank, Green bank and Quero bank and all fishing grounds where halibut is usually found at this time of year, but with little success. Last Sunday the Massachusetts was laid to off Canso for 24 hours under bare poles while a blizzard raged. She lost a cable and anchor, and will refit at Canso.

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BIG WEEK'S WORK.

Little Sch. Emily Cooney Stocks Over \$1600.

Sch. Emily Cooney of Boston, commanded by Capt. Patrick Murphy of this city, who is also part owner, has just finished up a big week's work, stocking over \$1800, the crew of 16 men sharing \$65. The Cooney is one of the market fishing boats and this is one of the best week's work of the winter. Capt. Murphy is a well known skipper who keeps steadily at it and he and his crew profit accordingly.

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GOOD FROST AT BAY OF ISLANDS

Some Vessels in Middle Arm Fill Fore Holds.

HERRING STILL PLENTIFUL.

Sch. Dauntless Bringing Cabin Load of Frozen Herring.

Advices from Bay of Islands, N. F., received yesterday brings the good news that there is a good frost there now and that the vessels which were in the Middle Arm had about loaded their foreholds.

Sch. Dauntless, Capt. William Publicover, sailed from the Bay of Islands for home last Saturday with a full fare of salt herring and a cabin load, 30,000 in count, of frozen herring. The craft is due before Christmas, and will thus bring the first natural frost herring from Newfoundland this season.

Capt. Lemuel Spinney, who arrived home from Newfoundland yesterday, stopped over at Bay of Islands on the way. He reports that up to the time he was there they had one slight frost and that several of the vessels which were in the Middle Arm were able to freeze some herring.

The St. John's, N. F., Herald says that herring have been very plentiful all the fall at the southwest arm of Green Bay and still continue so. Last year some were frozen, but this season this manner of freezing will be gone into extensively, and scaffolds are now freezing large quantities of the fish. In November three cargoes of salt herring were taken in American schooners to Gloucester and three Americans are expected to arrive within a few days for frozen

cargoes to be followed by others. Mr. W. White, son of Capt. White, is down there freezing the fish in the interest of Messrs. Thompson of Gloucester, who will take, if procurable, several cargoes. Capt. Duffett of Halifax has also two vessels on the way there to secure frozen cargoes and the industry in this bay promises to rival Placentia or Bay of Islands.

Sch. Lizzie Griffin, which arrived from Bay of Islands a few days ago, is taking out her cargo of salt herring at L. Pickert & Co.'s, Boston.

ARRIVED AT GALVESTON.

Converted Yacht Fortuna Reached There All Right.

Carried Crew of Nearly All Gloucester Fishermen.

The famous sch. yacht Fortuna, formerly owned by the late Commodore Henry S. Hovey, and recently purchased by Mr. Henry B. Wolcott of the Gulf Fisheries Co., of Galveston, Texas, and which was converted into a fishing vessel for that company at this port last month, and sailed from here about a month ago, arrived safely at her destination, Galveston over a week ago.

The work of transforming the craft was done by E. L. Rowe & Son of this port, under the direction of Capt. Cody, who shipped a Gloucester crew for the craft when he sailed.

The craft made good progress toward Galveston until she was off Portugas, where she was driven ashore in a gale and for two days was in danger of destruction. Fortunately she was got off and proceeded, arriving at her home port in good condition.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Squanto, Quero Bank, 4000 lbs. cod, 9000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Richard Wainwright, via Boston.
Sch. Genesta, shore.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore.
Sch. Illinois, via Boston.
Sch. Lafayette, shore.
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, shore.
Sch. Etta Mildred, shore.
Sch. Viking, shore.

Boston.

Sch. Yakima, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Flirt, 17,000 haddock, 4200 cod, 10,000 hake, 1000 cusk, 500 pollock.
Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, 8000 haddock, 6000 cod, 8000 hake, 4000 cusk.
Sch. Mooween, 15,000 haddock.
Sch. Stranger, 3000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Emerald, 4000 cod.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 1500 haddock, 500 hake.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 1700 cod.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 hake, 200 pollock.
Sch. A. C. Newhall, 1500 haddock, 7000 cod, 1000 hake, 500 pollock.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 4000 haddock, 600 cod.
Sch. Lafayette, 500 haddock, 3200 cod, 300 pollock.
Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$3.75; market cod, \$3.50 to \$3.75; hake, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$3.50; cusk, \$2.

WHITE WHALES.

Two Monsters Seen Off Stage Fort Park This Morning.

Two large white whales, weighing probably over 1000 pounds each, were seen off Stage Fort park this morning near Cressy's landing, swimming quite close to the shore, frequently coming to the surface. The whales hovered near the shore for several hours, and furnished quite a sight for those who happened to be in that vicinity.

WEEKLY FISH MARKET.

The fish market this week shows the expected Christmas dullness and presents no new features of interest. The trade in smoked blotters is still good however.

Receipts of fish have been very light with no marked change in prices, excepting in one instance, a fare of 45,000 pounds of salt cod-fish, all exceptionally, large fish, sold at \$5 1-8 per hundred weight. This is believed to be one of, if not the very highest price paid for salt cod caught to the eastward of Cape Sable.

The receipts at this port for the week ending Dec. 24 are

900 lbs. salt cod.
2800 lbs. fresh cod.
23,700 lbs. hake.
27,500 lbs. cusk.
37,200 lbs. haddock.
4100 bbls. salt herring.
9400 lbs. halibut.

Salt Fish from Vessel.

	Board of Trade Prices	Outside Sales
Large Georges cod (handline)	4.90	5.30
Medium Georges cod (handline)	4.00	5.00
Large Georges cod (trawl)	4.25	4.75
Medium Georges cod (trawl)	3.25	4.00
Large handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable		
Medium do.		
Large trawl bank cod	4.00	4.75
Medium trawl bank cod	3.50	4.25
Large dory handline cod		4.75
Medium do.		4.25

Fresh Fish from Vessel (To Split.)

All large cod caught on La Have bank and to the westward	2.15	2.45
Medium do.	1.75	2.00
All large cod caught to the eastward of La Have Bank	2.15	2.45
Medium do.	1.75	2.00
Cusk	1.50	2.00
Eastern Haddock	1.00	1.15
Western Haddock	1.15	1.20
Eastern Hake	.90	1.00
Western hake,	.85	1.00
Pollock	.70	.70

Other Prices from Vessel.

Hake sounds, 6 1-2 cts. per lb.
Livers, soft 30 cts. per bucket; hard, 30 cts. per bucket.
Fresh Bank halibut (white) 14 cts. per lb.
Fresh Bank halibut (gray) 10 cts. per lb.
Georges halibut, 14 cts. and 10 cts. per lb. for white and gray.
Newfoundland salt herring \$3.50 per bbl.
Bay of Islands, N. F., trawl salt cod, \$5 1-8 per cwt.

Local Quotations of Cured Fish.

Cured Large Georges cod	\$7.50 to 8.00	per qtl.
Cured Medium Georges cod	6.50	
Cured large Bank cod	6.50	
Cured Medium Bank cod	6.00	
Kench cured large Bank cod	6.50	
Kench cured medium Bank cod	6.00	
Cured large shore cod	5.50	
Cured medium shore cod	5.75	
Cured cusk	5.00	
Cured hake	2.25	
Cured haddock	4.00	
Heavy salted pollock	2.75	
English cured pollock	3.75	
Large handline bank	6.25	
Medium handline bank	5.75	

Mackerel.

Shore 1s	\$18	per bbl.
Shore extra 1s	20	per bbl.
Shore blotters	22	per bbl.
Nova Scotias	13.50	per bbl.
Prince Edward Island	15	per bbl.
Norway blotters	34	per bbl.
Norway 1s	27	per bbl.
Norway 2s	19	per bbl.
New Irish	12.50 to 13	per bbl.

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To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Flirt, via Boston.
S. S. Margaret, South Channel, 3000 lb. fresh fish.
Sch. Selma, shore.
Sch. Elmer E. Gray, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.00 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.25 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$4.00 for large, \$3.50 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.15; medium cod, \$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La Have bank, \$2.15, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50; Eastern haddock, \$1; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, 90 cts.; Eastern hake, 90 cts.; Western hake, 85 cts.; pollock, 70c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 40 cts.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt. for large and \$5.00 for mediums.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.00.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. per lb. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Viola, 600 haddock, 5500 cod.
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 1500 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Massasoit, 2300 cod.
Sch. Viking, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
Haddock \$3.75, large cod \$5.50, market cod \$3.50, hake \$2.50.

BAIT COST NINETY-TWO CENTS.

But It Caught Fifty Dollars Worth of Fish.

Frozen squid that cost 92 cents lured cod and pollock that sold for \$50 to the hook of one of the Provincetown fishermen who are using the handline off the Long Point outer shore at Provincetown harbor on Thursday.

Ninety-nine per cent. of the "ground" fishermen, working Provincetown waters, employ the trawl with good success, a number of the dories having taken cod worth more than \$100 the past week, but the handliners, too, are doing well, and the last class find their field right at the harbor mouth, where some of the workers have earned as much as \$100 each the past month.

FORMED INDEPENDENT CO.

Striking Pacific Halibut Fishermen Going into Business.

The halibut shipments from Alaska have been heavy lately. It is thought that Ketchikan will become the center of the halibut fishing industry.

The halibut fishing of British Columbia during November was unprofitable. The striking fishermen have formed an independent company, and are after a share of the halibut fishing business. They have secured a steamer, with eight dories, and will carry sixteen fishermen.

STRUCK ROCK AT BOOTHBAY.

Sch. Slade Gorton Is at Boston Leaking and Will Repair Here.

Sch. Slade Gorton of this port, which arrived at Boston today with a big fire, is leaking somewhat caused by striking a rock while going into Boothbay Harbor recently. She will come here to repair after taking on her trip.